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Commander Bernotti, representative in Turkey of the Ansaldo Works of Italy, has just concluded a tentative agreement with the Deniz Yolari for the construction of six or seven combination freighter-passenger ships, each having a capacity of six to seven thousand tons. The Commander will leave shortly for Italy to complete the agreement.

Turkish Government is opposed to the sale to private Turkish firms of some fifteen Italian vessels now anchored in Izmir and Cesme. These vessels were evacuated from the Dodecanese during World War II and took refuge in Turkish waters in order to escape seizure by the Germans, following the defeat of Italy. The Turkish government hopes to obtain these vessels as payment of the indemnity it claims for sheltering Italian refugees who were landed in Izmir. However, [REDACTED] states, the Italians prefer to settle these Turkish claims by other means and would like to sell the vessels to local ship operators. The firm Folcini, represented by Alfred Polligrino, has already submitted offers for the vessels.

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